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Subject: Re: Fw: travel in region - INTERNAL DELIBERATIVE - PLEASE REVIEW

my suggestions:

Because EPA has a responsibility to consult with Federally Recognized Tribes in a government-to-government relationship, Tribal government comments received formally from the tribal government, especially if the EPA is in consultation with that tribal government, are stronger will be treated with more deference than comments received from an individual. EPA will accept consider all comments as we finalize our watershed assessment and incorporate those which contribute to the assessment. and address them as appropriate, although the Agency will have the discretion to determine how to best address the comment or not.

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Here is a rough draft, anything edits before I send?

THANKS! Tami

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Subject: Re: travel in region

Hi Kim,
Tribal government comments received formally from the tribal government, especially if the EPA is in consultation with that tribal government, are stronger than comments received from an individual. EPA will accept all comments and address them as appropriate, although the Agency will have the discretion to determine how to best address the comment or not.

I hope that this helps.

Thanks! Tami

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Tami,
I am working some Tribes to respond to the Draft BB Watershed Assessment once it is published. Can you tell me whether or not EPA treats a tribal member or tribal chief different when comments are received? The reason I asked is that it has come up that a Tribal Chief's comments are better received over a tribal member who is authorized to speak on the Tribe's behalf.

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